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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

RESEARCH CONTRACT: MERYMAN-SUMIDA

REF: A. TOKYO 3282 B. TOKYO 0766 C. 75 TOKYO 18071

D. 75 STATE 285352

E. BEAUBIEN TO BLOOM LTR, DTD 4 DEC 65.

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS PHS REFRAIN FROM MAKING AWARD FOR MERYMAN-SUMIDA PROJECT UNTIL WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS RESEARCH CONTRACT WITH GOJ OFFICIALS. SINCE DR. SUMIDA'S WORK WILL BE CONDUCTED AT FUKUOKA NATIONAL CENTRAL HOSPITAL, WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY JAPANESE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (MHW), THIS CONTRACT MAY WELL FALL UNDER SAME STRICUTURES AS KOBATA CONTRACT. RECENT HISTORY OF KOBATA CASE CONTAINED REFTELS/REFLTR. WE NOTE THAT WHILE KOBATA CASE INVOLVES MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE), MERYMAN-SUMIDA CASE INVOLVES MHW. WHETEHR THIS FACT WILL MAKE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN GOJ ATTITUDE IS UNCLEAR AT THIS STAGE, BUT WE WILL ATTEMPT TO USE THIS AS LEVERAGE TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE, TIMELY DISPOSITION OF THIS CASE.

2. EMBASSY WILL RAISE MERYMAN-SUMIDA CASE WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS AND TAKE OPPORTUNITY OO PROBE ONCE AGAIN QUESTION OF KOBATA CASE AT SAME TIME. WILL ADVISE ON GOJ REACTION SOONEST. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF POLITICAL CHARACTER OF USG FUNDED MEDICAL RESEARCH IN JAPAN, RESOLUTION OF QUESTION MAY TAKE SOME TIME.

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